

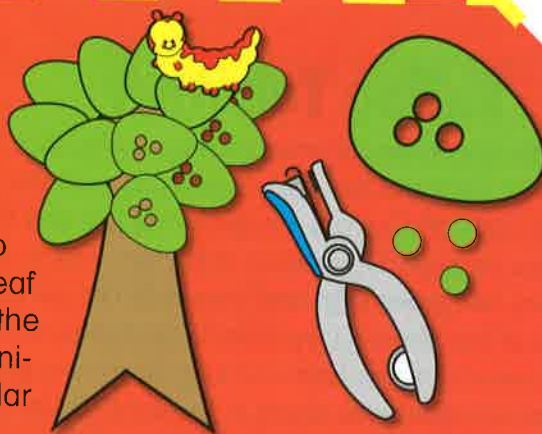
The Very Hungry Caterpillar

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Strawberries! Oranges! Chocolate cake! Throughout the week this little caterpillar consumes a great quantity of unusual foods. Suddenly this caterpillar is no longer little, and he's ready for the next stage in his life.

Munch!

The very hungry caterpillar has been munching on all of these leaves! Place leaf cutouts at a center along with several hole punchers. Near the center, post a supersize tree cutout minus foliage. Invite a youngster to visit the center and punch several holes in a leaf cutout. Then invite him to attach his cutout to the tree. After each child has had several opportunities to add leaves to the tree, attach a caterpillar cutout to the display.



Crawl and Fly

Have youngsters revisit the changes that take place in the book with this movement activity. Invite students to crawl on the floor like caterpillars as you play an instrument, such as rhythm sticks, very slowly. Next, stop playing the instrument and tell students to lie very still in their cocoons. Finally, play a different instrument, such as a jingle-bell bracelet, and have them "emerge" from the cocoons and fly around the room like butterflies.

Extending the Menu

What else might the hungry little caterpillar like to eat? Youngsters will let you know with this writing activity. Make a copy of page 60 for each child. Have each youngster draw a food item on the caterpillar's tummy that she feels he might enjoy eating. Write the name of her food item in the space provided. Then

invite her to color the rest of the picture. If desired, bind the pages together with a cover titled "Tasty Suggestions."

